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Key News

Stock Market & Company

Stocks extend winning streak on reform optimism; turnover hits two-year high

The Business Standard, July 12, 2026

- Bangladesh's stock market extended its rally today (12 July), the first trading day of the week, as investor optimism over regulatory reforms and the government's commitment to developing the capital market remained strong.
- Driven by robust buying pressure, the benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) gained 45 points to close at 5,849. Daily turnover also crossed the Tk1,600 crore mark for the first time in nearly two years, reaching Tk1,669 crore.
- Turnover increased by around 16.9% compared with the previous trading session. Market participants attributed the rise to growing demand for fundamentally strong stocks trading at attractive valuations, alongside expectations of market reforms.
- Buying interest was particularly strong in banking and insurance stocks from the opening bell. The blue-chip DS30 index rose 22 points to 2,200, while the DSES, which tracks Shariah-compliant companies, also ended the day in positive territory.
- Of the 392 listed companies and mutual funds traded on the DSE, 199 advanced, 156 declined, and 37 remained unchanged.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-extend-winning-streak-reform-optimism-turnover-hits-two-year-high-1486586

Sonali Aansh returns to 'A' category after dividend payout

The Business Standard, July 12, 2026

- Sonali Aansh Industries PLC has been elevated to the "A" category from the junk "Z" category by the Dhaka Stock Exchange after completing the distribution of a 15% cash dividend to shareholders for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.
- According to a DSE notification issued today (12 July), the company successfully disbursed the declared dividend, prompting the bourse to restore its status to the regular trading category with effect from the same day.
- The company's share price rose 3.45% to Tk224.7 following the announcement.Under the DSE's listing regulations, companies are placed in the "A" category if they comply with key regulatory requirements, including holding annual general meetings (AGMs) on time and declaring and distributing the required dividends.
- On the other hand, companies are classified under the "Z" category for failing to meet one or more listing requirements, such as not holding AGMs, failing to declare or distribute dividends, remaining non-operational for a prolonged period, or violating other regulatory obligations.

- Market analysts said Sonali Aansh's return to the "A" category marks a positive step in terms of regulatory compliance. The company will regain the benefits associated with a regular trading category, and subject to meeting other eligibility criteria, its shares may once again qualify for margin loan facilities. The reclassification is also expected to improve investor confidence and enhance the stock's trading liquidity.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonali-aansh-returns-category-after-dividend-payout-1486596

BSRM, Acme Labs, Power Grid join DSE elite club as Linde, Unique Hotel exit

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- The Dhaka Stock Exchange has finalised its semi-annual rebalancing of the DS30 index, the premier "elite club" of investable stocks on the country's main bourse.
- In the latest review, steel giant BSRM Limited, pharmaceutical leader The Acme Laboratories Limited, and the state-owned Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited have secured their positions among the top 30 stocks. These new entrants will replace Kohinoor Chemicals, Unique Hotel and Resorts, and the multinational industrial gas supplier Linde Bangladesh Limited.
- The reshuffle, which is scheduled to take effect from 19 July, is based on a rigorous index methodology developed in 2013 in collaboration with S&P Dow Jones Indices, said the DSE in a press release today (12 July).
- The rebalancing is conducted twice a year to ensure that the index accurately reflects the most liquid and fundamentally sound companies available to investors, according to the DSE.
- Market insiders noted that the DS30 serves as a critical benchmark for both domestic and foreign institutional investors, helping them identify the most reliable "investable" scrips in an often-volatile market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsrm-acme-labs-power-grid-join-dse-elite-club-linde-unique-hotel-exit-1486606

BSEC issues clarification over reports on delisting inactive firms

The Financial Express, July 12, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Sunday issued a clarification, rejecting media reports that claimed the regulator had decided to immediately delist companies that have remained closed or inactive.
- In a press release, the Commission described the reports as completely misleading and baseless, saying they did not accurately reflect the remarks made by BSEC Chairman Masud Khan during an exchange of views with the Capital Market Journalists' Forum (CMJF) on July 9.
- The BSEC said the Chairman had referred to international practices, where companies that remain closed or inactive for prolonged periods are generally not allowed to stay listed on stock exchanges.
- He also noted that Bangladesh is an exception, with several inactive companies continuing to remain listed, exposing particularly small investors to financial risks, reports BSS.
- The Commission clarified that no decision has been taken to delist such companies.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-issues-clarification-over-reports-on-delisting-inactive-firms

Web portal to showcase open-ended mutual fund performance

The Financial Express, July 12, 2026

- The securities regulator has moved to launch a web portal that will display the performance of all open-ended mutual funds (MFs) to help investors make investment decisions.
- In a telephonic conversation with the FE, the chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), Masud Khan, said the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) would launch the web portal.

- Usually, asset management companies post results of their funds' performance on their respective platforms. So, investors have to go to separate platforms to gather information about separate fund's performance. Hence, comparing one fund's performance with another becomes cumbersome.
- "A retail investor needs to understand which mutual fund is performing well and which is not," said Mr Khan.
- In other countries including India, there are several common, centralised portals that aggregate and display financial data tied to mutual funds operating globally, which allow investors to compare returns, fees, and risks across multiple countries.
- Their visual trackers also map each fund's historical Net Asset Value (NAV) against the benchmark index.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/web-portal-to-showcase-open-ended-mutual-fund-performance

Economy & Industry

BGMEA to hold overseas roadshows to attract new garment buyers

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- The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) will launch a series of roadshows in major trading hubs, including Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai, to attract global apparel buyers that currently do little or no business with Bangladesh.
- The initiative will begin with a roadshow in Hong Kong, while HSBC will support the programme by helping identify and engage potential buyers and encouraging them to participate in the events. The announcement was made at a programme held at the BGMEA headquarters in Dhaka yesterday (12 July).
- To formalise the collaboration, BGMEA and HSBC signed a MoU. The agreement was signed by Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu, president of BGMEA, and Md Mahbub ur Rahman, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, on behalf of their respective organisations.
- Speaking at the event, Shah Rayeed Chowdhury, a BGMEA director, said the initiative would begin in Hong Kong before expanding to other global trading centres. "We will start with Hong Kong, but later we will also go to places such as Singapore and Dubai," he said.
- After the event, he told TBS that BGMEA's current focus was largely on major existing buyers, but the organisation now wanted to showcase Bangladesh's capabilities to brands that either do not source from the country or have only a limited presence.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/bgmea-hold-overseas-roadshows-attract-new-garment-buyers-1486696

Hygienic meat production can unlock exports: Agri minister

The Daily Star, July 13, 2026

- Bangladesh has the potential to become an exporter of premium-quality meat within the next five years if it can ensure hygienic production and proper testing, Agriculture Minister Mohammed Aminur Rashid said today.
- Meat produced in Bangladesh is naturally high in quality and taste, he said, but international buyers prioritise food safety above all else. If Bangladesh can guarantee hygienic production that meets required safety standards, global markets will pay premium prices.
- The minister was speaking at an event marking the 50th anniversary of the FAO’s Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council.
- He said producing safe food is one of Bangladesh's biggest challenges and should be a national priority.
- The minister emphasised the need for stronger regulation of pesticide imports and stricter quality control at ports of entry, calling it a key requirement for strengthening the competitiveness of Bangladesh's agricultural exports.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/hygienic-meat-production-can-unlock-exports-agri-minister-4222246

International

Gold under pressure

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- Spot gold eased on Friday and was on course for a weekly decline, as higher oil prices linked to the Middle East conflict fuelled inflation concerns and bolstered expectations of tighter US monetary policy.
- Spot gold slid 0.4 percent to $4,103.23 per ounce by 2:10 p.m. EDT (1810 GMT), and was down 1.7 percent for the week so far.
- US gold futures for August settled around 0.7 percent lower at $4,113.70 per ounce.
- The major factor here is the restarting of tensions between the US and Iran, with investors broadly not wanting to hold on to gold and silver at this point, Bart Melek, global head of commodity strategy at TD Securities, said.
- The recent escalation in hostilities between the US and Iran could upend the International Energy Agency's forecast of a significant oil market surplus next year, the agency said on Friday.
- Oil prices were poised for a weekly rise, propelled by supply concerns amid fresh US-Iran strikes.
- Higher energy prices fuel inflation concerns, strengthening expectations of interest rate hikes by central banks.

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